

REMARKS

Claims 1-19 and 27-30 are pending. Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the rejections based on the following remarks.

As noted in a previous response, the Examiner did not initial one reference listed on PTO-1449 form of the Information Disclosure Statement filed on February 3, 2004. Applicants respectfully request a copy of the PTO-1449 showing that the Examiner has considered all of the references provided by the Applicants.

Double Patenting Rejections

The Examiner provisionally rejected claims 1-6, 10-14, 16-19, 27, 28 and 30 on the grounds of non-statutory obviousness-type double patenting as being unpatentable over claims 1-28 and 44-54 of co-pending Application No. 2005/0266329. The Examiner also provisionally rejected claims 1-6, 10-14, 16-19, 27, 28 and 30 on the grounds of non-statutory obviousness-type double patenting as being unpatentable over claims 1-32 and 50-62 of co-pending Application No. 10/864,980. Applicants have included appropriate Terminal Disclaimers to overcome the non-statutory double patenting rejections. As such, Applicants respectfully request withdrawal of the rejections of claims 1-6, 10-14, 16-19, 27, 28 and 30 on the grounds of non-statutory double patenting.

CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing, it is submitted that this application is in condition for allowance. Favorable consideration and prompt allowance of the application are respectfully requested.

The Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned if the Examiner believes it would be useful to advance prosecution.

Respectfully submitted,

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